

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lynn Buckner on October 13, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

*On page 1 of the specification,*

the first paragraph "This application is a CIP of...application 60/384,719 filed 06/03/2002." was deleted and the following paragraph inserted thereto:

--This application is a CIP of 10/217,055, filed Aug. 12, 2002, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,988,568, which is a CIP of 09/722,797, filed Nov. 27, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,453,584, which claims benefit of 60/363,058 filed Mar. 11, 2002 and claims benefit of 60/384,719 filed Jun. 03, 2002.--

*In the Abstract,*

the last sentence was deleted and -- -- inserted thereto.

*In the claims:*

In claim 16,

on line 4, --environment-- was inserted after “vacuum” (first occurrence),  
on line 7, --said incline slope being-- was inserted after “and”.

In claim 17,

on line 4, --environment-- was inserted after “vacuum” (first occurrence),  
on line 6, “excavation” was deleted and --excavating-- was inserted thereto,  
on line 7, --and said incline slope being-- was inserted after “container”.

In claim 18,

on line 4, --environment-- was inserted after “vacuum” (third occurrence),  
on line 7, -- and said incline slope being-- was inserted after “container”.

In claim 19,

on line 4, “list” was deleted and --group-- was inserted thereto.

In claim 20,

on line 2, “means” was deleted and --method-- was inserted thereto.

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In claim 21,

on line 5, "list" was deleted and --group-- was inserted thereto,

on line 5, " of: " was deleted and --of-- was inserted thereto.

In claim 23,

on line 2, "access door" was deleted and --comprises an additional step of providing an access door that-- was inserted thereto

on line 4, " of: " was deleted and --of-- was inserted thereto.

In claim 25,

on line 5, "chose" was deleted and --chosen-- was inserted thereto.

In claim 29,

on line 2, "or17" was deleted and --or 17-- was inserted thereto,

on line 2, "and" was deleted,

on line 3, "or filter housing" was deleted and --or said filter housing-- was inserted thereto,

on line 8, " of: " was deleted and --of-- was inserted thereto.

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In claim 33,

on line 6, "chose" was deleted and --chosen-- was inserted thereto,

on line 7, "or" was deleted and --and-- inserted thereto,

on line 7, --an additional step of providing-- inserted thereto,

on line 8, "means" was deleted and --devices-- inserted thereto,

on line 9, " of: " was deleted and --of-- was inserted thereto

on line 11, "or" was deleted.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Beach whose telephone number is 571.272.6988. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Will can be reached on 571.272.6998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571.273.8300.

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